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November 12, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 4)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to award public works construction contracts and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works to execute contracts with the contractors for work in the City of Long Beach and in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction and maintenance service contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

- Project ID No. RDC0011166 - 9th Street On-Ramp Over Harbor Scenic Drive and Pico Avenue, to seismically strengthen a bridge, City of Long Beach (4), to Dalaj International Corp., in amount of \$1,811,519.00.
- Project No. SMDACO0112 - Fisher Street, et al., Sanitary Sewers, to clean, inspect, and line sanitary sewers, in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles (1), to Repipe-California, Inc., in amount of \$439,415.00.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain your Board's approval to award these construction and maintenance service contracts and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

See attachments as follows for each project. The attachment for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also attached including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID No. RDC0011166.

- Project ID No. RDC0011166 - sheets 1A and 1B
- Project ID No. SMDACO0112 - sheets 2A and 2B

The recommended construction and maintenance service contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Department of Public Works (Public Works) projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and the subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). Awarding these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and will enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

These actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The attachment for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. RDC0011166 are included in the Fourth Supervisorial District's Fiscal Year 2008-09 Road Fund Budget.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. SMDACO0112 are included in the First Supervisorial District's Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The contract agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved by County Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractors are in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and your Board's requirements.

These contracts contain terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.202; and the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, which is defined as the firm that; (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation, including, but not limited to licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contracts are awarded to the lowest responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Each of these projects was found to be statutorily and categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the attachment for each project.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

Public Works will review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These construction and maintenance service contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Acting Director of Public Works

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
November 12, 2008

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0011166 - 9TH STREET ON-RAMP OVER HARBOR SCENIC DRIVE AND PICO AVENUE (City of Long Beach), Supervisorial District 4

TYPE OF WORK: Seismic strengthening of an existing bridge.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: July 29, 2008 (Agenda Item 40)

BID OPENING DATE: August 28, 2008

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Dalaj International Corp., a corporation 2045 Pelham Avenue Los Angeles, California 90025 (310) 470-8070	\$1,811,519.00
2	*+Olivas Valdez, Inc.	\$2,366,766.15
3	*4-Con Engineering, Inc.	\$2,407,866.00
4	Bonadiman-McCain, Inc.	\$2,657,882.00
5	G.B. Cooke, Inc.	\$2,802,876.25
6	Peterson-Chase General Engineering Construction, Inc.	\$2,976,487.00

\*MWBE  
+LSBE

Abbott Contracting and Engineering, Inc., submitted a bid in the amount of \$2,397,603.00; however, they left bid items blank on the Schedule of Prices. Therefore, their bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$1,160,630.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,811,519.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 650,889.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 56 percent above the estimate. The difference between the estimate and bid amounts is due to the increase in cost of concrete and steel. While the bid price is higher than the estimate, readvertising the project will result in increased contract administration costs and delay construction with no guarantee that lower bids will be received. We recommend award of the project to Dalaj International Corp., in the amount of \$1,811,519.00.

This project will be administered under the Highway Bridge Program as covered by Agreement 76078 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal funds allocated to local agencies are used to finance a portion of the qualifying costs of the bridge seismic retrofit projects. The remaining portion of the costs of the project will be funded with State Proposition 1B funds. Qualifying costs are apportioned 88.53 percent Federal and 11.47 percent Proposition 1B. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Dalaj International Corp. has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On April 17, 2007, Agenda Item 43, your Board found this project statutorily exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 140 working days. It is estimated the work will start in February and be completed in September 2009.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
November 12, 2008

PROJECT ID NO. SMDACO0112 - FISHER STREET, ET AL., SANITARY SEWERS (in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles, Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning, video inspection, and lining of existing 8-inch sanitary sewers and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: September 2, 2008 (Agenda Item 42)

BID OPENING DATE: September 30, 2008

BID SUMMARY:

Low Repipe-California, Inc., a corporation 5525 East Gibraltar Street Ontario, California 91764 (909) 291-4050	\$439,415.00
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2 Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp.	\$468,440.00
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$496,460.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$439,415.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 57,045.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 11 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. SMDACO0112 are included in the First Supervisorial District's Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Repipe-California, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On September 2, 2008, Agenda Item 42, your Board found this project categorically exempt.



### CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in January and be completed in April 2009.

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